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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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METHOD, MASTER PATTERNS)	
USED THEREFOR, AND OUTER)	
SURFACE-INSPECTING)	
APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH)	
SUCH A MASTER PATTERN)	

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2008, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows: